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**Thanks**

... Maria Fribbens for providing her fabulous scones for staff morning tea this week.

.. Those who attended this week's school swimming sports - and our sponsors Heatpump Professionals.

**People of the week**

.. Georgia who achieved a significant personal goal when she bungy-jumped off the Auckland Harbour Bridge during the recent senior camp - and also for knocking the socks off some visiting grandparents this week with a warm welcome to Matarau School when they arrived.

.. Our triathlon participants - good luck for next week.

.. Max & Xanthe who participate in the NZ Water Ski Nationals at Lake Crichton next week. We are very proud of you both. Good luck!

.. Ayden Fletcher for helping Jim erect tents for Swimming Sports day. A wonderful helper.

.. our school, zone and interschool swimming champions. Well done!

Please keep us informed of the achievements of present and past pupils so that we can celebrate these together.

**NZ Book Month**

Each child has been given a \$5 book voucher which can be spent on a book worth \$10 or more from Market Books, Whitcoulls, Paper Plus. This has been sponsored by Caltex and many others in an effort to promote reading at home.

**Trail Ride 2011**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**



If you were unable to attend this week's meeting please contact Alastair Rickey on 4355509 and let him know how you can help out.

**Major**  
**School Fundraiser**

**Matarau School Recipe Book**

As a fundraiser we would like to publish a Matarau School recipe book. Please could you email [faithfull.family@xtra.co.nz](mailto:faithfull.family@xtra.co.nz) with your favourite recipe or pop a hard copy in to Helen at the office and we will compile a book. Kids are encouraged to be involved too. Who knows we may find NZ's next Master Chef amongst us!

**School Sponsors**

Our school sponsors are an important link between the school and its community. There will likely be vacancies for new sponsors for 2011. If interested please contact Alison Faithfull on 4335557 0273865101.

### **Interschool Swimming Championships**

Thank you to all of those children who swam their hearts out and supported each other at this week's interschool swimming sports. Congratulations everyone! The top 10 placings are as follows:

		Backstroke	Breaststroke	FreeStyle
Yr 4 Boys	Johnathan	8 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
Yr 5 Boys	Caleb	6 <sup>th</sup>		3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Oliver		5 <sup>th</sup>	
	Jordan		6 <sup>th</sup>	
Yr 6 Boys	Max	8 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Yr 7 Boys	Daniel		9 <sup>th</sup>	
Yr 7 Girls	Laura	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
	Kayleigh	9 <sup>th</sup>		
	Shannon		10 <sup>th</sup>	
Yr 8 Boys	Scott	5 <sup>th</sup>		7 <sup>th</sup>
	Euan		4 <sup>th</sup>	
	Brady		6 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Yr 8 Girls	Emily		8 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>

### **School Swimming Sports**

Thank you to all of those children who swam their hearts out and supported their peers at this week's school swimming sports. We are pleased to advise championship placings as follows.

A special congratulations to all of these children. Cups will be awarded at our end of year prize given to overall champions.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Junior Boys	Johnathan	Gerran	Ethan
Junior Girls	Grace	Meadow	Kasey/Ella
Intermediate Boys	Max	Reuben	Caleb
Intermediate Girls	Ruby /Jemimah	Samantha	Ariah
Senior Boys	Brady	Scott /Euan	Hayden
Senior Girls	Laura	Emily	Georgia/Kayleigh

***Thanks to heatpump Professionals -  
Sponsors of this year's Swimming Sports.***

### **Visiting Author**

We are having a local author Rosie Boom visit us on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March to inspire and motive our writing.

### **Auckland Campers**

Gear unclaimed after camp can be found in the lost property bin.

### **Lit Quiz (Whangarei Intermediate School)**

Consents for year 7 and 8 children representing Matarau School at the forthcoming Lit Quiz were issued this week - for return please Tuesday 22 March. Any questions please to Mr D.

### **International Schools English and Maths Competitions**

The final date for consent forms for the above competitions was Friday 18 March. If you didn't make the date then we will accept these this coming Monday morning (21<sup>st</sup>) but no more entries after this please.

### **Interschool Triathlon - Year 7 and 8**

.. is scheduled for 24 March at One Tree Point. We will be represented by 5 individual competitors and 2 teams - with children selected from school events over previous weeks. If your child will be participating in this event please return their consent form on Monday. A reminder that parents are required to transport and supervise their own children or pass this responsibility to another attending parent. Please ensure children have warm (sun safe) clothing and plenty to drink. Questions please to Mr D.

### **Bus Children - High Visibility Vests**

We have noticed that the number of bus children wearing their high visibility vests this year has dropped markedly on last year. These vests are a significant step we can all take to raise the level of safety of those children while walking to and from (or waiting at) bus stops. Please ensure your child has their vest on before they head off in the morning, and we will try our best to ensure they put it on at the end of the day.

### **School Contributions / Trips and Events Fee**

Payment requests will be sent out next week to those who have yet to pay their school contribution and/or trips and events fee. Parents are asked to arrange payment within two weeks please or to contact the school office to discuss alternative payment arrangements. Fees can also be paid directly into the school bank account (available from the office). While the school contribution is voluntary (but appreciated), the events fee is a compulsory levy to subsidise the cost of buses, pay for visiting drama groups.

### **Fuel for Schools .. a call to local businesses**

If interested in sponsoring the school through this programme you can nominate our school by visiting Northfuels at [www.northfuels.co.nz](http://www.northfuels.co.nz) or on 0800 484 3543. Northfuels are happy to answer any questions you might have.

### **PMP**

We would really appreciate further offers to assist with this important programme. If able to help please give Mrs Robertson a call. PMP takes place every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon - even if you can help on one of these afternoons it enables us to give existing parent helpers the occasional break.

**Reminder - ASB School Banking** .. Please remind your children to ensure they drop their banking into the elephant in the Reception area as this is cleared weekly.

**Buses** .. Please advise the office of any changes to your child's usual bus arrangements.

### **Headlice Checks**

It is in the interests of all families that prompt action is taken by parents who receive a letter advising of detection of headlice. If action is not taken within 24 to 48 hours, children who have been treated, can be quickly reinfested. Where headlice are detected children will be rechecked weekly until there is evidence of appropriate treatment. From experience we know that, with the co-operation of all parents, this policy ensures infestation rates remain at very low levels. While we are concerned at the implications of repeat chemical treatments, adherence to our current policy usually leads to significantly less chemical exposure over time than otherwise would be the case. If we can assist in any way, please advise. Our public health nurse (Phillipa Butturini) can also provide assistance and be contacted on 021 2445407.

**Mobile Ear Clinic** .. Outside the Bush Road Medical Centre Wednesday 30 March. 8:30-3:30. No appointment necessary Pre-schoolers welcome.

### **Scholastic Books**

Issue 2 was sent home this week. All orders and payments to be back at the office by Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Community Notices**

**For Rent** - Kamo West modern home. 7 minutes to Matarau School. 3 bed, huge private deck, single lockup garage and extra parking, fenced, pets by approval. Hirupaki School Zone, Available April 17, ph Hana 4350230 or 0274352786

**Cleaner Available** - Reasonable rates, phone Pamela 4335032

**Ruatangata Hockey** - All children interested in playing for Ruatangata this season please phone and register their interest before Wednesday 16 March on 4701445. Rally day will be held Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Kensington Hockey Turf. A&B Grade (Yrs 6+), 9am; C Grade (Yrs 4-6), 10.15; D&E Grade (Yrs 2-4) 11.00. Please bring all gear and suitable clothing and footwear.

Bike Glenbervie - Sunday 20 March, Glenbervie Forest HQ, Maruata Rd, Glenbervie. Register 9am. \$10/ adults, \$5/children, 4 trail options of various distances and challenges, heaps of spot prizes. For further info contact Peter Smith, ph 4303186 or email [pcsmith.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:pcsmith.rotary@gmail.com). Registration forms available at the school office.

On Guard - Whangarei Swords Club, Fencing Advocate Stadium, Kensington 6.30-8.30pm Tuesday night beginning Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 12 yrs & older, Dress in tacksuit pants, t-shirt and white soled sneakers and bring along \$2.

Junior Tiger Golf Championship - Waipu Golf club, 11am tee off 27<sup>th</sup> March. Register online now at [www.juniortiger.co.nz](http://www.juniortiger.co.nz). The winner will represent NZ at the World Junior Golf Champs in the USA, including a trip to Disneyland with a family member.

Cancer Society Northland Relay for Life - Last call for team entries, Held March 19-20<sup>th</sup> Lots of fund for all ages and fitness levels. Visit [www.relayforlife.org.nz](http://www.relayforlife.org.nz) or call 09 4375593. Entries close March 1<sup>st</sup>.

House Clean Available - Reliable 17 yr old female Polytech Student, experienced with references available. Please phone Hannah 02102771725

**School Newsletter** .. If you would like to receive this by email contact us on [admin@matarau.school.nz](mailto:admin@matarau.school.nz)

### **Virtues 2011 - THERE IS STILL ONE MORE WEEK TO VOTE!!**

This year our focus virtue is BEING VALUED. The children will all participate in defining what it means to be valued and what it looks like when we value others. This year we thought we would invite parents to help us decide on our six supporting virtues (2 for each of terms 2 to 4).

If you would like to especially see us focus on any of the following please email Mr Trehwella by 25 March at [principal@matarau.school.nz](mailto:principal@matarau.school.nz) and he will tally your responses. Your options are as follows ..

Compassion, Courtesy, Faithfulness, Forgiveness, Helpfulness, Justice, Kindness, Loyalty, Respect, Tact, Trustworthiness, Truthfulness.

### **Places for out of zone enrolments**

The school continues to receive enquiries about places for out of zone enrolments. Currently we have no available places at years 1 to 6 and would need to advertise a mid-year ballot in order to create further places. The board has asked me to assess the viability and potential impact of a small increase in 2011 out of zone enrolments. In order to do this, it would be helpful if parents could advise me of any "out of zone" family which has expressed interest in enrolling their child(ren) at Matarau School. It is certainly not our intention to grow the school much beyond its current size (which we consider to be pretty optimal), but we do need to manage our roll very carefully into the future in order to secure current levels of funding and staffing. If you have any information (from interested families who may not yet have contacted us) please advise me on [principal@matarau.school.nz](mailto:principal@matarau.school.nz)

**A number of places remain available at year 7 and 8 from our initial ballot and so please feel free to mention this to parents of children in year 7 and 8 who may be looking for a change. Academic programmes in our year 7 and 8 classes are of an extremely high standard and class numbers are only slightly more than half the size of urban schools (even with a further slight increase) - delivering twice the value and twice the teacher time. Our feedback from those with a wide knowledge of what's on offer at year 7 and 8 gives us confidence that our year 7 and 8 programme is the best available - a fact we think may not be widely appreciated.**

### **Skids After School Programme**

Kia Ora, Skids will be offering a fun filled after school care programme during 2011. Please register your interest by ringing or txt Erena Koopu on 0278461724. Alternatively pop into the hall after school to find out more information.



Skids offer safe and reliable after school care with a focus on a well structured, balanced programme offering fun activities to your school for your children, giving parent's and caregiver's peace of mind

### **Finally**

"Consider the postage stamp; its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there."  
Josh Billings, American Writer - 1818-1885

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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